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Problem - To develop a clear U.S. position on the following points for use in multi-national planning.

g. Assuming that Allied and/or West German ground access to Berlin is blocked by East Germans,

(1) Under what circumstances and for what purpose would the U.S. favor a small ground probe?

(2) After such a probe is turned back, under what circumstances and for what purpose would the U.S. favor limited offensive action on the ground?

(3) In support of such a limited offensive action, what is the U.S. position with regard to the use of atomic weapons?

(4) What preparatory military measures would precede or accompany the probe or the limited offensive action?

(5) What non-military measures would be related to the probe or the limited offensive action, and how?

h. Assuming that USSR personnel, with or without the GDR, are directly involved in blocking ground access to Berlin, what changes, if any, would be made in the recommended U.S. position?

i. Assuming that air access to Berlin is blocked by East Germans,

(1) Under what circumstances and for what purpose does the U.S. favor the following: substitution of military for civilian pilots, use of military transport planes, military escort for transport planes, military action against hostile air and ground targets, electronic reprisals?

(2) In support of any of these actions, what is the U.S. position in the use of atomic weapons?

(3) What military and non-military actions would precede or accompany the actions mentioned in (1)?

d. Assuming that it is the USSR, with or without the GDR, that blocks air access to Berlin, what changes, if any, would be made in the recommended U.S. position?

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